

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 19, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Martin called the regular meeting of the Shoreview City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 19, 2014.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Martin; Councilmembers Johnson, Quigley, Wickstrom and Withhart.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Martin requested a brief discussion on the June 9th workshop date under the *Special Order of Business* portion of the meeting.

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve the May 19, 2014 agenda as amended.

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Martin recognized Jen Sprain, Project Co-Chair and Principal Darren Johnson who have been working on a “Playground for Everyone” at Turtle Lake School.

Mr. Johnson showed the final design of the “Playground for Everyone” that will be put in later this summer. The project has been planned for the last two years. A public campaign was launched last fall which raised \$170,000. The park is for the greater Shoreview community.

The design includes solid surfacing, ramping to the highest point, various sensory stimuli and innovative equipment. The project has had generous donations of time and money from individuals, families, foundations and businesses. A full listing is on the website at <http://turtlelakeplayground.com>. The groundbreaking ceremony is planned for 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6, the last day of school. Anyone interested in the “community build” can volunteer for various jobs. He thanked the City and community for the tremendous support.

Mayor Martin commended and congratulated Ms. Sprain and Mr. Johnson and the team for their persistence with this project.

Quiet Zones

Mayor Martin recognized State Representative Jason Isaacson, District 42B who was present.

Representative Isaacson announced that during the legislative session a \$1.75 million in funding for rail quiet zones in Shoreview and Little Canada was appropriated in the bonding bill. The bill has passed and the Governor supports it. His hope is that Shoreview and Little Canada can work together and make one long quiet zone across the two cities.

Mayor Martin stated that she knows of no issue that has so profoundly impacted quality of life in Shoreview. There used to be one or two trains a day; now there is a train several times each day.

Representative Isaacson stated that a second prong of this initiative will be the safety of the crossings. He commended the citizens who have brought this issue to his attention. He plans to bring this issue to the attention of the federal congressional delegation as well.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Mark Hughes, 739 Larson Lane, stated that there has been quite a bit of discussion about Comcast. He stated that his position is to cease any litigation between CTV and Comcast. Needed resources are being burned up. This is not about his program but to encourage reaching an agreement.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Martin:

Cleanup Day was offered free last Saturday. It was well intentioned and planned to save time paying for materials. However, many more people came to take advantage of the free drop-off. The demand far exceeded what was anticipated, and there were people who had to wait two to three hours. Over 75 tons of refuse was taken in, double what has been taken in the past. At 1:30 p.m., vehicle line had to be cut off because of the limited hours of Allied Waste. There will be an evaluation on how to improve this service at future events.

Councilmember Wickstrom:

Volunteers are needed to survey and inventory trees. Anyone interested can call Karen Zumac at the Tree Trust at 952-767-3886, or email her at karenz@treetrust.org. This information is also available on the City website.

The 2014 Green Community Award applications are due by the end of May. Residents who have initiated green practices on their property for conservation of water and energy are eligible.

Councilmember Withhart:

The Business Exchange will be June 12, at the Hilton Garden Inn, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., sponsored by the City Council and Economic Development Commission. The event is free.

Councilmember Johnson:

The Human Rights Commission Caring Youth Award nominations are due Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

Northeast Youth and Family Services is hosting a meeting on regional housing, Wednesday, May 21, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Quigley to adopt the Consent Agenda for May 19, 2014, and all relevant resolutions for item No. 1 through 9:

1. May 5, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes
2. Receipt of Committee/Commission Minutes
 - Public Safety Committee, March 20, 2014
3. Monthly Reports:
 - Administration
 - Community Development
 - Finance
 - Public Works
 - Park and Recreation
4. Verified Claims in the Amount of \$916,452.16
5. Purchases
6. License Applications
7. Approval of Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo - *Slice of Shoreview*
8. Agreement with Ramsey County for Water Patrol Services
9. Tree Trust Community Inventory Grant Authorization

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ESTABLISHMENT OF RAILROAD QUIET ZONE

Presentation by City Planner Kathleen Castle

Quiet zones are currently being considered along the east/west CP Rail corridor crossings. The east/west corridor includes the Lexington Avenue crossing and the Victoria Street crossing. The City is pursuing a 24-hour quiet zone at these crossings at this time.

Plans and specifications have been prepared by SEH for required improvements. The City's Notice of Intent for establishing quiet zones at these two crossings was mailed to appropriate agencies on May 12, 2014. It is anticipated that improvements will be constructed by mid-July, when a Notice of Establishment will be sent to the appropriate agencies at which time there is a 21-day waiting period. It is anticipated that the Quiet Zones will be established in August.

Staff is recommending adoption of the resolution to support establishment of these quiet zones.

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Quigley to adopt Resolution 14-27 pursuing the implementation of a 24-hour railroad quiet zone for the east-west corridor (Paynesville Subdivision) at the Lexington Avenue and Victoria Street crossings, subject to the rules and regulations of the Federal Rail Administration.

Discussion:

Mayor Martin stated, and Councilmembers agreed, that the 24-hour quiet zone is preferable rather than 12-hour quiet zone.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Johnson, Quigley, Wickstrom, Withhart, Martin
Nays: None

Mayor Martin noted that Canadian Pacific is making improvements to the switching area north of I-694. A curve in the line has been smoothed, and an automated control system is being installed. The new system should be in operation by mid-summer. These improvements should improve the crossing delays that have been experienced at the North Owasso Boulevard and Jerrold Avenue crossings.

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FITNESS EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

Presentation by Fitness Supervisor Drew Wurst

After an evaluation of current fitness equipment, it was determined that the City should replace the strength training machines and free weight benches and racks. Leading vendors of such equipment were selected to submit quotes: 2nd Wind Exercise, LifeFitness and TechnoGym.

Most of the current strength training machines were purchased as part of the 2002-2003 expansion. Technology in the strength industry has advanced significantly in the past 10 years. The current equipment has poor bio-mechanical design, is older and takes up more space than new machines. Also, the fitness center equipment is experiencing more maintenance and repairs. At times, the City can wait up to 10 weeks for parts. Upgrading the equipment will enhance the

draw of the Fitness Center for new members and will improve the experience for existing members.

The proposed strength training equipment from all three companies has been tested by staff. The equipment proposed by 2nd Wind stands out in bio-mechanical design, the reduced space needed and the ease of use for settings and making adjustments.

Staff recommends purchase of the Hoist's ROC-IT and Dual equipment from 2nd Wind. The total cost for this equipment is \$48,466.69, including delivery and tax.

The second part of the project is free weight benches and racks. Again, the equipment is showing signs of wear with loose joints and supports. Quotes were also received from 2nd Wind Exercise, LifeFitness/Hammer Strength and TechnoGym. LifeFitness/Hammer Strength was found to be the best value at the lowest cost. The company offers options to replace equipment that is underused with items of higher demand and also offers the lowest cost of replacement.

Staff recommends purchase of the LifeFitness/Hammer strength free weight equipment at a cost of \$23,412.86, including delivery and sales tax.

The total cost of both projects is \$71,879.55.

Mayor Martin asked if the purchases are item for item and the time of delivery. Mr. Wurst stated that most of the order would be replacement item for item. Some pieces that are not used often will be removed. The new equipment takes up less space and that will hopefully allow the City to create more stretching space. There will be an 8 to 10-week wait period to receive the equipment.

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that the equipment is 12 years old, and it is important to keep the equipment up to date.

Councilmember Johnson added that the fitness industry is ever changing and echoed Councilmember Wickstrom about the importance of keeping equipment up to date.

Councilmember Withhart asked how this project will be funded. City Manager Schwerm stated that \$45,000 will be funded through the Fixed Asset Revolving Fund; the remainder will come from the Community Center fund balance.

MOTION: by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to approve the quotes for replacement strength training equipment to 2nd Wind Exercise in the amount of \$48,466.69, including delivery and sales tax; and to Life Fitness/Hammer Strength in the amount of \$23,412.86, including delivery and sales tax.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Quigley, Wickstrom, Withhart, Johnson, Martin
Nays: None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Martin requested the June 9th City Council workshop be changed to a different date. It was the consensus of the Council to start the meeting a little later on the 9th, at 7:30 so that Mayor Martin could be on time.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

Mayor Martin declared the meeting adjourned.

THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 2nd DAY OF JUNE 2014.

Terry Schwerm
City Manager